

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

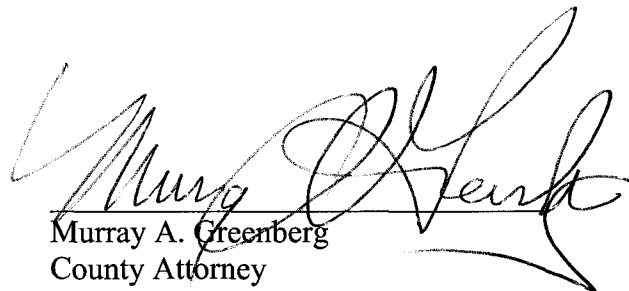
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 23, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County
Manager to explore feasibility
of installing cameras at
certain dangerous
intersections

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Chairman Joe A. Martinez.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☒ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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8-23-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY, COST AND BENEFIT OF
INSTALLING CAMERAS AT CERTAIN DANGEROUS
INTERSECTIONS WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO CURB
RED-LIGHT RUNNING

WHEREAS, red-light running is one of the major causes of accidents, deaths and injuries at intersections with traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, 2003 crash statistics show that there were 206,000 red-light running accidents nationwide, with nearly 1,000 deaths and 176,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, red-light cameras can help reduce red-light running by automatically photographing vehicles whose drivers run red lights; and

WHEREAS, studies in California and Virginia have shown that red-light cameras can reduce red-light running by about 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has concluded that red-light cameras can be an effective measure to prevent red-light running and encourages the use of red-light cameras; and

WHEREAS, Florida law authorizes the use of cameras to enforce toll collections on the Florida Turnpike System; and

WHEREAS, Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist recently issued an opinion concluding that legislative changes to Florida law are necessary before local governments can issue traffic citations and penalize drivers who fail to obey red lights based solely on unmanned red-light cameras, *see* AGO 2005-4; and

WHEREAS, the opinion goes on to state, however, that local governments do have the authority to use unmanned red-light cameras for the purposes of monitoring intersections and violations of traffic signals, and to record traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, the opinion allows local governments to install red-light cameras and to send warning letters to red-light runners; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the cameras at intersections, along with appropriate signage, and the issuance of warning letters might serve to deter some drivers from running red lights and help to reduce the dangerous practice of red-light running,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County Manager to explore the feasibility, cost and potential benefit of installing cameras at the most dangerous intersections in Miami-Dade County to curb red-light running, and issuing warning letters to the owners of vehicles that run red lights.

Section 2. Directs the County Manager to report his findings to the Board within ninety (90) days, including recommendations of whether and how to implement such a program, and the feasibility of doing a pilot project.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of August, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

